

APPROVED: Meeting No. 28-90

ATTEST: *Sharon A. Dean*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 26-90

June 4, 1990

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on June 4, 1990, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle (arr. at 8:18 p.m.) Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepien
Councilmember James T. Marrinan

ABSENT

Councilmember David Robbins (Travel Leave)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Proposed special assessment against specially benefited properties for the construction of Ritchie Parkway between Seven Locks Road and Rockville Pike.

Public Hearing: Proposed special assessment against specially benefited properties for the construction of Ritchie Parkway water transmission main and appurtenances between Seven Locks Road and Rockville Pike.

The Mayor and Council conducted a joint public hearing on the proposed special assessment against specially benefited properties for the construction of Ritchie Parkway between Seven Locks Road and Rockville Pike and proposed special assessment against

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specially benefited properties for the construction of Ritchie Parkway water transmission main and appurtenances between Seven Locks Road and Rockville Pike. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for one week, until 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 1990.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-106-90, Mayor
and Council of Rockville,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the application to amend Chapter 6 of the "Laws of Rockville" by recodifying said chapter into a new Chapter 25 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Zoning and Planning". The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for 30 days.

Re: Public Hearing: Proposed
legislation pursuant to the
Mayor and Council's "housing
initiative."

- A. Amendment to Chapter 18 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Rental Facilities" so as to make Chapter 18 applicable to accessory apartments by amending various definitions and by providing for an accessory apartment rental unit license and minimum facilities requirements for accessory apartments;
- B. Amendment to Chapter 5, Article XII of the Rockville City Code entitled "Property Maintenance Code" so as

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to provide for inspection and regulation of accessory apartments and to add and modify various definitions to accomplish same;

- C. Amendment to Chapter 1 of the Rockville City Code so as to permit Chapter 11A, entitled "Condominiums," Chapter 11C, entitled "Cooperative Housing," and Chapter 53A, entitled "Tenant Displacement" to apply within the City of Rockville;
- D. Adoption of a new Chapter 13A to the Rockville City Code entitled "Moderately Priced Housing" so as to require that all subdivisions of 50 or more dwelling units include a minimum number of moderately priced units; and to encourage the construction of moderately priced housing by allowing optional increases in density in order to reduce land costs and costs of optional features that may be built into such moderately priced housing.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on proposed "housing initiative" legislation. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for 30 days.

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Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-108-90, Mayor
and Council of Rockville,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to provide for accessory apartments by special exception in one-family detached residential zones. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for 30 days. (The testimony of individuals in connection with the "housing initiative" hearing will be included in the hearing record in this application as well.)

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-109-90, Mayor
and Council of Rockville,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments necessary to accommodate the provisions of the proposed Moderately Priced Housing Ordinance. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for 30 days. (The testimony of individuals in connection with the "housing initiative" hearing will be included in the hearing record in this application as well.)

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council. There being no citizens wishing to address the Mayor and Council, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Regarding Watts Branch Parkway Traffic Control, Mayor Duncan indicated that he hoped the City would be able to accommodate the committee's focus on installation of

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three possible devices to control speed.

With respect to the Maryland Tourism Grants Program, Mayor Duncan requested information regarding the City's application.

The State Highway Administration will be opening the Falls Road interchange on June 14, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In response to Mayor Duncan, the City Manager noted that a draft response to the letter from the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission would appear in the next FYI.

At 9:50 p.m., the Mayor and Council adjourned to the Boards and Commissions Room to meet in worksession.

Re: FY1991 Budget

The City Manager reviewed the additional expenditures emanating from the previous budget worksessions. It was noted that the source of funds for the bandshell is the Targets of Opportunity fund.

The following items were discussed:

1. Expanded Senior Center Bus Service. Although this item was not funded for FY1991, it was agreed that staff would prepare an analysis of the peak period problems related to transportation for Senior Center events in an attempt to develop an interim solution with current resources.

2. Moratorium on Vehicle Purchases. Following discussion, it was agreed that purchase of new and replacement vehicles would be deferred until staff has completed a study to re-evaluate criteria used to define the number of vehicles needed, the time to replace them, etc.

3. Halon Fire Suppression System. The memorandum of the Data Processing Manager was discussed.

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4. Past Funding for Shelters. Funding in the amount of \$7,500 for FY91 was approved for Stepping Stone Shelters. It was decided that the Mayor and Council would review the issue of funding of outside agency requests in the fall and give the City Manager some direction for the FY92 budget cycle.

5. Highland Avenue. Mayor Duncan asked if the paving of this street could be included as a CIP item. Staff responded that a project sheet would be prepared now and that funding would be scheduled for FY93.

6. Rockville Consortium for Science. \$3,000 was approved to assist in the expenses for Rockville Science Day.

7. Rockville Football League. In view of the renovations of Dogwood Park and the attendant loss of snack bar revenue to Rockville Football League, the sum of \$6,000 was approved for Rockville Football League as a one-time appropriation for FY91.

8. Single Room Occupancy renovation. The \$50,000 to be appropriated for this items will be funded through the Property Management Fund rather than the Designated Fund Balance-Housing.

Re: Tax Rate

Mayor Duncan indicated his desire to reduce the tax rate by one cent and offered some alternatives for accomplishing this including reduction of the Targets of Opportunity fund, deletion of funds for the Annapolis reception, deletion of funding for two new vehicles as well as replacement vehicles for the police. Councilmember Hovsepien indicated that she would prefer, as a matter of policy, to annually set aside funds for the housing fund. Some concern was expressed that the tax rate should not be cut for FY91. Following discussions regarding the timing of property reassessments, growth scale, projected surpluses and deficits and assumptions regarding lapse monies for vacant positions, it was agreed that staff would prepare the ordinance with the tax rate of \$.83 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the Mayor and Council would discuss alternative proposals at the meeting of June 11.

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Re: Executive session

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 11:05 p.m. to discuss land disposition and personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on June 11, 1990, or at the call of the Mayor.